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1. The new direct highway, leading from Budapest to the south to Pécs-through Sztalinváros and Szekszárd- is nearing completion. The highway actually begins
25X1 at Érd (southwest of Budapest) and runs parallel to highway six.

2. Engineers Lajos Balogh and Paal (fnu) are in charge of this top priority construction. It is known that a Soviet-Hungarian commission inspected the progress made on the road between 2-8 July 1952. Hungarian Captain Géza Messinger was a member of the commission.

3. The cross-section of this highway reveals on the bottom leveled and pounded-down earth, over it a 25 cm. rough-stone layer, then a gravel layer with a binding agent, and finally a 4½ cm. surface cover.

4. The purpose of the construction appears to be twofold:

   a. Direct military route from Budapest to Southern Hungary.

   b. Connecting the coal mines around Pécs with the industrial combine at Sztalinváros.

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